

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 118  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and to designate March 15, 2003, as West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association Day.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that are dedicated to furthering the agricultural communities of this great State; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association is one such worthy group; founded by the breeders of West Tennessee, for the past fifty years the association has promoted purebred Polled Hereford cattle; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association was founded in February of 1954, due to a perceived need for a sale that was limited to West Tennessee breeders to market purebred Polled Hereford cattle; and

WHEREAS, forty-five charter members served under the leadership of W.D. Cannon of Brownsville, Tennessee; the first West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association sale was held in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, association guidelines state that the annual show and sale will be held on the second Saturday in February, with all cattle screened for quality and adherence to association rules regarding color marking, smooth-headedness, and a bull-to-heifer ratio; and

WHEREAS, throughout its many years of service, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association has received much recognition throughout the state and the region; and

WHEREAS, due to increases in the number of cattle and the number of breeders wanting to sell cattle, the association eventually added two more sales: the spring sale was held from 1955 until 1982, and the fall sale was held from 1963 until 1979; and

WHEREAS, for seventeen years, the Brownsville fairgrounds hosted the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association sale; in 1970, the sale moved to its present location on Highway 70, east of Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, cattle have been sold through association sales to sixteen states and two Canadian provinces; approximately 5,736 head of cattle have been sold for nearly \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association has been led by a number of astute and qualified individuals, whose guidance and dedication have provided the association with the means necessary to conduct quality sales for fifty consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the following men have served as President of the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association: W.D. Cannon, Charles F. Moore, W.B. Reeves, J.G. Walker, Elton Bryant, Gale Buckley, Gerald Skelton, Glen Hurt, A.H. Fletcher, Wilburn Lane, Ray Pierce, and Gene Carter; and

WHEREAS, the members of the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association are especially grateful for the service of the past and present secretary/treasurers, who carry the major workload of the association; these gentlemen include: J.W. Harwood, B.H. Bradley, W.B. (Bill) Reeves, Henry Lessenberry, Charlie Moore, Jimmy Reeves, Bob Schwerin, Johnny Woolfolk, Wilburn Lane, and Raymond Griffin; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association has also been represented by Glenda Rickman, who served on the National Board of Pollettes, was Pollette of the Year, and was Chairman and Treasurer of the national organization; Ada Fletcher, who was National Pollette of the Year; Pam Farmer, who presently serves on the National Board of Pollettes; and Amy Woolfolk, former National Polled Hereford Queen; and

WHEREAS, the youth of West Tennessee have also ably represented the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association throughout its existence; in 1974, Randy Teamer and Tim Rice showed heifers in the first Junior National Polled Hereford show in Nashville; J.J. Bryant, Whitney Wakefield, Beth Bowers, and Scott Woolfolk showed heifers in the Junior National show in Murfreesboro; Cody Todd, Heath Helms, Rachel Wortham, Anna Marlin, Emily, Lauren, and Ali Martin, and Shane, Damon, and Clay Pierce have exhibited several class winners, two national champion bulls, and several division champions and reserve champions; and many others have exhibited Polled Herefords at local, state, and regional shows; and

WHEREAS, a number of breeders have been part of the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association since its inception, including Candy Meadows Farm of Lexington and Red Bud Farm of Stanton; herds which have served the association for many years include Happy Hill Polled Herefords of Somerville, EBS Polled Herefords of Covington, A.H. Fletcher Farm of Burlison, Woolfolk Farms of Jackson, Oakcrest Polled Herefords of Bells, Anderson Farms of Jackson, and Triple P Farms of Beech Bluff; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association has dedicated its annual show and sale to members or other persons who have served the association with distinction; for their years of dedication to the association, honorees have been: Charles F. Moore, Elizabeth Bryant, Glen Hurt, Terry Hair, Auctioneer Bo Swilley, Bob Schwerin, James Anderson, W.C. Lane, J.G. Walker, Jr., and the buyers; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the silver anniversary sale, the association has chosen to dedicate the show and sale to Mr. W.B. Reeves, a charter member; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association is dedicated to maintaining agricultural prominence for the State of Tennessee, having provided quality purebred bred cattle from a wide group of breeders to satisfied buyers for the past fifty years, and its membership should be specially recognized on the occasion of the association's 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the association's many years of service to agriculture in the State of Tennessee, the members of this General Assembly wish to designate March 15, 2003, as West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association Day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the officers and members of the West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association for their fifty years of astute service to agriculture in the State of Tennessee, thank them for their continuous dedication, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That March 15, 2003, is hereby designated as "West Tennessee Polled Hereford Association Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.